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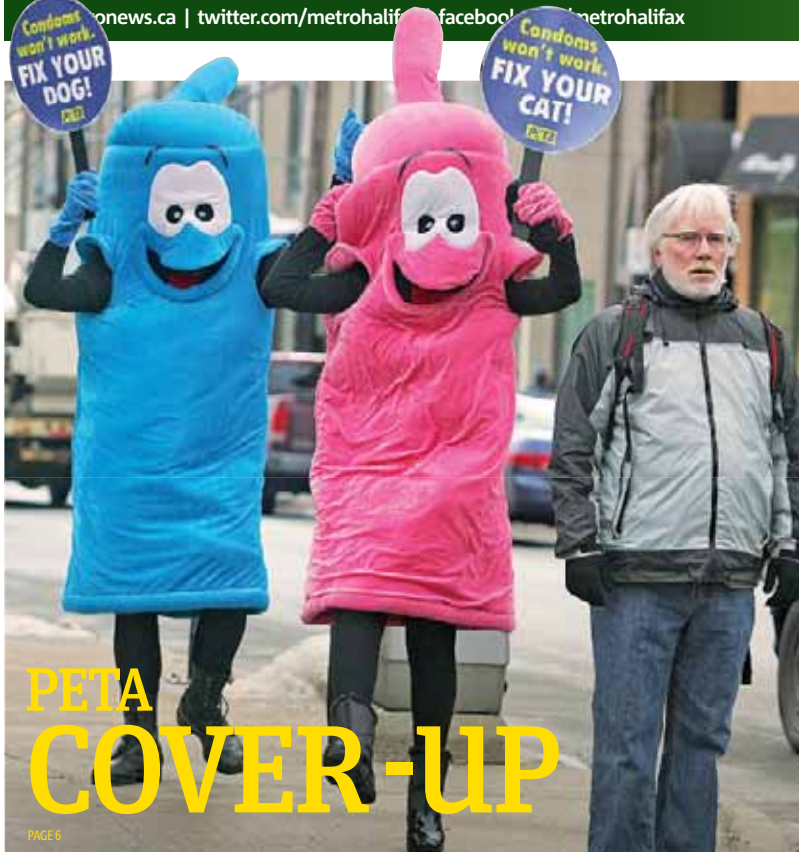
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PETA COVER-UP

Members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) dressed up as giant condoms encourage Haligonians along Spring Garden Road to spay or neuter their pets on Tuesday afternoon. PETA members from Ottawa are touring cities in Atlantic Canada to spread their message. **RYAN TAPLIN/METRO**

Big bucks, big smiles

Fairview couple have a million reasons to celebrate after lottery win **PAGE 4**

Gurus and guffaws

Comedy and spirituality can work together, but only if it's done well **PAGE 13**

A super showdown

Did Super Tuesday clear up the Republican presidential picture? **PAGE 8**

Sid cleared for contact

Concussion. Still no clear date though on when he'll be back in Penguins lineup

Sidney Crosby's head is clear. The superstar's return, however, remains murky.

The Pittsburgh Penguins captain participated in his first full practice since concussion-like symptoms resurfaced in December and there is growing optimism he'll be back before the playoffs, maybe as early as Sunday.

The ever-cautious Crosby insists there still is no timetable on when he'll be cleared to play in a game, but he looked crisp on Tuesday while spending more than an hour on the Consol Energy Center ice.

"It's a good step," Crosby said. "Hopefully, I can keep the momentum and get out there soon."

Though the headaches and motion issues that have bothered him intermittently have subsided, Crosby has been through this drill too often to



Sidney Crosby, right, jostles with teammate Jordan Staal during a practice on Tuesday. **PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quotable

"I just want to make sure that I take the right steps here and get back out there soon."

Sidney Crosby, Penguins captain

get too excited.

The 24-year-old Cole Harbour hockey standout was spectacular in his return from a 10-month layoff in November, scoring twice in his season debut against the New York Islanders and collecting 12 points in eight games before he woke up with an all-too-famil-

iar feeling on Dec. 6.

During that initial comeback he was cleared for contact in early October and had to wait about six weeks before getting the OK to suit up for a game.

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HRM

City getting prepared for fall elections

Halifax regional council laid the logistical groundwork for this October's municipal and school-board elections Tuesday night.

Council voted to appoint Cathy Mellet, the municipal clerk, chief returning officer for the election. The chief returning officer oversees polling stations, advertising and disseminating election material, as well as the list of eligible electors.

Some councillors had concerns about that list, based on Elections Nova Scotia information.

Mellet said that HRM has been working with Elections Nova Scotia for a number of years to ensure they have the most comprehensive list of voters possible.

To that end, Mellet said HRM will have a revisions period in July and August during which residents can check to see whether they're on the list.

Only 37 per cent of eligible voters bothered to cast a ballot in the 2008 election.

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Contract

Deal reached with Halifax Water

Unionized workers at Halifax Water have reached a tentative deal.

CUPE Local 227 announced that its bargaining team reached a tentative deal with the Halifax Regional Water Commission on Tuesday.

"No details will be released until the details have been presented to union members at the ratification vote," CUPE National Representative Marianne Welsh said in a release.

Welsh added the bargaining team is recommending the union accept the new deal. No date has been set for the vote, but union officials expect one will be determined in the next couple of days.

Halifax Water employees have been without a contract since 2008.

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Striking Metro Transit workers gather for a rally at Grand Parade on Tuesday afternoon. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

HRM wants to go back to bargaining table

Council. But mayor says rostering is still a non-negotiable issue for the municipality in transit strike



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Halifax regional council wants to send Metro Transit negotiators back to the bargaining table.

After a three-hour closed-door meeting at Halifax City Hall on Tuesday, Mayor Peter Kelly told reporters the municipality will contact provincial

Quoted

"I'm not ruling out going back, don't think I am. Because I think both the membership and the public want to see this resolved either through binding arbitration or negotiations."

Ken Wilson, president, ATU Local 508

conciliators in effort to restart talks with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508.

"Council has asked that we seek out the conciliators to bring both sides back to the table to look at where we might be able to go," Kelly said.

But besides the dates, it's unclear what, if anything, has changed since the last time both sides met. Kelly said ros-

tering — the scheduling system preferred by the municipality and rejected outright by the union — is non-negotiable, as is the raise structure proposed by the municipality in their last offer. Those are the two biggest issues for both sides in the strike, now in its fifth week.

As of last Friday at 11:59 p.m., all three final offers from the municipality were off the

table. Metro Transit management are expected to put together a new final offer to serve as the baseline for further negotiations with the union. Council is expected to meet today or Thursday to discuss that offer.

Ken Wilson, the president of Local 508, said he's not opposed to going back to the table — provided the municipality actually wants to negotiate.

"The question that I have is what's on the table," Wilson said on Tuesday night.

"Can we have this discussion (around rostering) at the table? Maybe we can.... (But is it) to talk and negotiate or, once again, good-faith bargaining or all-or-nothing?"

Strike. Transit pass refunds now available

Anyone with a transit pass for February can now get his or her money back.

The Halifax Regional Municipality announced Tuesday that full refunds are available for anyone who purchased a Metro Transit pass for last month.

The release says passes can be redeemed at HRM's four main customer-service locations between 8:30 a.m. and

4:30 p.m. The locations are the lower level of Scotia Square, Alderney Gate in Dartmouth, the Bayers Road customer-service centre and the Acadia Centre in Lower Sackville.

Cheque refunds are also available by filling out an application form at halifax.ca/metro-transit. The February transit pass will also be honoured for another month once the now five-week strike is over. **METRO**



Transit users are now able to return their February pass for a refund. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



NEWS



On the web

Cool runnings

Prince Harry bolts forth in a race with the world's fastest runner in Jamaica on Tuesday. Watch the "race" at metronews.ca/video

Mobile news



How is social media affecting teens? The Hanging Out Online Project explores issues teens face while using tech. Scan the code for the story.

Court. Bail hearing put off for teen charged with second-degree murder

A teen charged with second-degree murder in the death of a 25-year-old Halifax man was back in court on Tuesday.

Aidan Cromwall was scheduled to have a bail hearing at Halifax provincial court, but the case was adjourned until April 26.

Cromwall is charged in the death of Marc Bernard Tremblay, who was found by police suffering from stab wounds at the corner of Ashdale Avenue and Titus Street in Fairview just before midnight on Feb. 2.

Cromwall was arrested on Evans Avenue a few hours later.

He has been remanded back to the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside.

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Aidan Cromwall
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

RCMP

Man faces charges in Annapolis Valley death

A 22-year-old man faces criminal negligence and drug charges in the death of a man last year in the Annapolis Valley.

Nova Scotia RCMP say Kyle Fredericks of Kentville has been charged

with criminal negligence causing death and trafficking in a controlled substance in the death of Joshua Graves.

Graves died suddenly on March 19, 2011.

Police say information received from a public complaint since the death led to the criminal charges.

Fredericks is scheduled to appear in Kentville provincial court on Apr. 2.

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Prison. Inmate death is not considered suspicious, police say

Foul play isn't suspected after a 25-year-old inmate was found dead in his cell at the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside on Tuesday morning.

The province's justice department said the man was discovered in his cell by guards at 8:30 a.m. and Halifax Regional Police responded to the jail at 9:07 a.m. "It's not believed to be suspicious but we are investigating," said Theresa Rath, Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman. According to the justice department, the man ar-

Investigation

The justice department is investigating what happened, as is policy whenever there is a death in a facility.

rived at the facility on Monday, one day after being arrested on charges of smuggling, importing a controlled substance and possession for the purpose of trafficking. METRO

Chester Basin

Police identify homicide victim

Police have released the identity of a woman found dead in her home in Chester Basin. The RCMP say the body of Victoria Rae Brauns-Buckley, 58, was found Friday after paramedics had responded to an emergency call. Investigators are treating the woman's death as a homicide.

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Strait Regional

Second school voted to close

The Strait Regional School Board has voted to close its second school in two weeks. In a meeting Monday, the board voted to close Reverend H. J. MacDonald Elementary School in Heatherton. The school is scheduled to close at the end of the school year. Canso Academy is also set to close. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ship Starts Here RFP would take too long: NSBI

Nova Scotia Business Inc. may not have required alternative procurement practices to award an advertising firm with ties to government the Ships Start Here contract.

NSBI circumvented normal procurement policies by awarding MT&L, a Halifax-based ad firm, a contract for the ubiquitous PR campaign without allowing other companies to bid.

According to Lisa Bugden, the vice-president at NSBI, who handled the file, it was agreed

the normal request for proposals would simply take too long.

But NSBI's normal procurement procedures allow the arm's-length government agency to request quotes from three or more providers on the standing-offer list — a list of regular suppliers to government — without issuing a request for proposals.

Under section 3.5 of the policy, which governs purchases of services between \$25,000 and \$100,000, NSBI can request

three quotes from those regular suppliers.

The lowest quote, "unless other factors or circumstances justify (a) selection of a higher quote," is to be selected.

According to Bugden, when MT&L was selected for the project in March, the campaign was expected to cost under \$100,000, meaning section 3.5 should have applied.

But NSBI president Stephen Lund said requesting three quotes from regular govern-

ment suppliers still would have taken too long.

"Section 3.5 isn't applicable because even going out for three quotes requires giving companies time to digest, respond and for us to evaluate/pick and give feedback," Lund wrote in an e-mail.

"MT&L had the experience in this sector we wanted, the digital stakeholder engagement we wanted, and they had experience with Irving."

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Joanne and Allan Singer of Halifax were all smiles after receiving a ceremonial cheque at the Atlantic Lottery office in Burnside on Tuesday. The Singers are Halifax's newest millionaires after winning \$1 million in last week's Lotto 6-49 draw. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Another jackpot hits million mark

Jackpot. Previous win for HRM was \$1.8 million in Eastern Passage in February



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By the time Allan and Joanne Singer got to the sixth matching number in last week's Lotto 6-49 draw, there was a lot of shrieking going on.

The couple from Fairview picked up their giant \$1-million novelty cheque from

Million-dollar question

"Nana, did you get your \$100?"

The Singers' five-year-old grandson's reaction to hearing they won the lottery

the Atlantic Lottery office in Burnside Tuesday, but they already have a cool million in their bank account.

Allan 62, and Joanne, 58, described what it was like to discover they had a winning ticket after decades of playing the lottery twice a week.

"My wife was getting ready to go to work and we have a ritual in the house and she says, 'Check the lottery

ticket just in case I don't have to go to work,'" Allan said.

He checked the numbers, uncovering them with his thumb one by one.

"I got the first three right, so I said, 'You better come out and take a look at this,'" he said of the Feb. 29 draw. "By the fifth one she was about 20 feet in the air, and when she saw the last one that was it."

Allan retired from his job

as a security manager at Sears about five years ago. Joanne, who also worked at Sears, retired suddenly a couple days ago. They have two daughters and two grandkids.

They are going to pay off the mortgage for one of their daughters, and buy a home for the other.

They plan to give to charity and renovate their Fairview home. They're also shopping around for a cruise holiday.

Before their jackpot, the most they had won over the years was \$100. Allan said he plans to keep buying tickets.



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Campaign. Giant condoms raise eyebrows on city street

At first glance, Thomas Johansen thought the two giant, dancing condoms on the downtown Halifax street corner were selling vasectomies.

"I would not have guessed they were talking about animals," said Johansen, who ended up posing for a photo with the condoms.

Two members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) dressed up in giant condom costumes on Tuesday to deliver their message on spaying and neutering animals.

One pink and one blue condom held signs and danced on the corner of Spring Garden Road and Dresden Row during the lunch hour. A couple of other campaigners handed out brochures.

"This is a fun and upbeat way to remind people that for us, preventing pregnancies is as easy as wearing a condom, but thousands of cats and dogs need animal birth control, but they can't even open a condom wrapper," said Emily Lavender, PETA campaigner.

Halifax is the first stop on a Maritime campaign tour for this PETA group based in Ottawa. Lavender said 140,000 pets are abandoned in shelters nationwide a year, and more than 50,000 are euthanized.



A giant condom encourages passersby to fix their pets.
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Bridget Curran, a.k.a. pink condom, said the costume was keeping her warm, except for her fingers. She said that was nothing compared to what thousands of animals suffer.

"It's a bit silly, but it's for a great cause," Curran said, jokingly, adding, "I get weird looks and odd comments anyway."

One woman honked her car's horn in encouragement and said she rescues animals herself. Other passersby said they had their pets spayed or neutered already.

At one point, a group of girls from across the street yelled, "You look like condoms!" Then, when they got a little closer: "You are condoms!"

JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO



All dressed up and three days to go

Sarah Moore and Brittney Annand place their paper gown on a mannequin at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design on Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-two designers from NSCAD are taking part in the annual Wearable Art Show on Saturday night at the Halifax Forum's Multipurpose Room. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Maine investigation

Two responders cleared in N.S. skier's death

Maine state authorities investigating the death of a Nova Scotia man who died en route to the hospital after a skiing accident at Sugarloaf resort have cleared two responders.

The director of Maine Emergency Medical Services told the Morning Sentinel that the complaints were dismissed against two NorthStar ambulance employees because they arrived at the scene at the end of the call and did not participate in patient care.

Director Jay Bradshaw did not disclose names.

The agency launched an investigation into the Jan. 12 death of 41-year-old David Morse, of Harmony, after his wife complained about the care he got in an ambulance on the way to Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Bradshaw said the investigation continues.

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Bradley Williams, 3, looks on as his dad votes during Super Tuesday.

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Santorum gives Romney run for money

GOP. Rivals slug it out in 10-state race that will help decide the Republican party's presidential candidate

Mitt Romney and his closest rival for the Republican presidential nomination, Rick Santorum, had each taken three states on so-called Super Tuesday by press time, the biggest single day in the race and one the front-runner was hoping would catapult him beyond the reach of his opponents.

Romney crushed the competition in Massachusetts, where he served as governor for four years, and also handily won Virginia and Vermont.

Santorum, meantime, won in Tennessee and Oklahoma where his stances on hot-button issues play well with those states' Christian evangelical voters, and in North Dakota, where energy is a big issue and the econ-

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Mitt Romney, GOP presidential hopeful

omy is booming thanks to the discovery of the oil-rich Bakken Shale deposit.

"We have won in the West, the Midwest and the South and we're ready to win across this country," Santorum said in a victory speech after taking his two states, pointing out that Romney vastly overspent him in every jurisdiction. "In every case, we overcame the odds."

Romney addressed supporters in Boston in a victory speech on his win in Massachusetts.

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Trial. Tori Stafford's last day revealed to jury

On the last day of Victoria Stafford's life, the "lovely little girl" used a computer to research plants, got her tights wet by jumping in puddles, and had a time-out for goofing around, her teacher testified Tuesday.

The Grade 3 student also asked for permission to run back to her classroom at the end of the day to retrieve a pair of earrings she had forgotten, Jennifer Griffin Murrell told court.

Tori went to get them and left about one minute after the bell, behind her classmates.

Because the girl wasn't wearing the butterfly earrings, Griffin Murrell asked her if she had found them, and Tori said she had.

"I said, OK, hun, we'll see you tomorrow," Griffin

Murrell told court.

She never saw Tori again.

The eight-year-old vanished shortly after leaving school that day — April 8, 2009.

Three months later, her partially clothed remains were found in garbage bags and under rocks in a field more than 100 kilometres from her Woodstock, Ont. home.

The Crown alleges Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic, who has already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, snatched Tori outside her school and, within hours, sexually assaulted and killed her.

Rafferty is now on trial, having pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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Southern Alberta walloped by record snowfall

Parts of south-central Alberta were digging out from the heaviest snowfall this winter with some areas receiving 40cm. Highways were in terrible shape with hundreds of vehicles in ditches. David Reid spent the day helping neighbors with his snow blower near Cremona, Alta., Tuesday.

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Rail. Canadians should fear rail safety: Board

The federal Transportation Safety Board says Canadians have reason to fear rail security given the troubling similarities between a recent fatal train accident in Ontario and a derailment two years ago in Quebec.

Board officials made the observation during a news conference Tuesday in Quebec City, while releasing a report into a crash in February 2010 that injured seven people in St-Charles-de-Bellechasse.

The report cited a variety of factors behind that crash, including: poor visibility because of snow; poor technology that leaves open the possibility of human error; and improper sharing of medical data that could reveal things like sleep disorders.

It said all those factors contributed to the 2010 accident

where the Via passenger train burst into a siding track at excessive speed.

Almost two years later to the day, there were related factors behind the Via derailment that killed three crew members in Burlington, Ont., on Feb. 26, 2012, board members said.

"The scenario is similar," TSB official Ed Belkhaloul told reporters.

"There's obviously room for improvement. It's clear: when it comes to high-speed trains and passenger trains, the measures are insufficient, as this accident illustrates."

The TSB says the Canadian rail system relies too heavily on human activity and has been too slow to adopt automated systems, like in the United States.

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Law & Order

Opposition slam Tories for justice bill changes

Opposition parties chastised the government Tuesday for rejecting a raft of proposed amendments to a sweeping federal justice bill they see as a big backward step.

The omnibus bill has returned to the House of Commons from the Senate for final debate on some changes — but only ones endorsed by the governing Conservatives.

They would allow victims of terrorism to sue states that support political violence.

In addition, it would end house arrest for many crimes and force people to wait longer for a criminal pardon.

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Anonymous

Hacker group breached MP's privacy: HOC

House of Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer has ruled Public Safety Minister Vic Toews' parliamentary privileges were breached by videos posted online by the group Anonymous, clearing the way for the hackers to be hauled before MPs.

"These videos contained various allegations about the minister's private life, and made specific and disturbing threats," Scheer said.

The YouTube video shows a headless man in a black suit under a red maple leaf and laurels as a computer-generated voice demands Toews' quit and calls for the online-surveillance bill to be scrapped. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Extraordinary heroism and loss in tornado

Indiana. Woman saves children, loses legs as tornado destroys home

A woman who saved her two children by binding them together with a blanket and shielding them with her body as a tornado ripped apart their house lost parts of both her legs, which were crushed by the falling debris, her husband says.

Stephanie Decker, a 36-year-old sleep specialist, lost one leg above the knee and the other above the ankle, her husband said Monday.

She was in serious but stable condition at a Kentucky hospital. The couple's eight-year-old son and five-year-old daughter survived Friday's storm unscathed.

"I told her, 'They're here because of you,'" Joe Decker said by telephone from the University of Louisville Hospital.

"I let her know that nothing else matters. I said, 'You're going to be here for your kids, and you get to see



Stephanie and Joe Decker
DECKER FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

them grow up."

Joe, 42, was at Silver Creek High School in Sellersburg, Ind., where he teaches algebra, when the tornado hit.

With storms expected, the school had been locked down, and he was debating whether to try to race home. He exchanged a series of texts with his wife, urging her to get herself and their children into the basement of their sprawling, three-storey brick-and-stone home in Marysville, Ind.

He said his wife told him

Survival

"The house is gone. It's pretty amazing that she's alive."

Holly Hinson
Hospital spokesperson

later that she was in their walk-out basement, which had French doors leading outside and a wall of windows, when she saw the tornado approaching, moving across the family's six-hectare plot.

Stephanie had already tied a blanket around both children and to herself, and she threw herself on top of the children.

"She said she felt the whole house start to go, and then she felt like it moved them about before it kind of wedged her in there, but she was able to keep the kids from moving away," Joe said.

When the tornado passed, their son Dominic Decker ran across the street to seek help from neighbours.

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Nunavut fire: 'It's not a stretch to say there's gross negligence'

Indictment. Former fire marshal says government should have known apartment block didn't meet building codes

Nunavut's former fire marshal says the territorial government should have known an apartment block that was the scene of a fatal blaze didn't meet modern building codes.

Tony Noakes, who lost his job in May 2010 after he voiced related concerns, says similar problems exist throughout the territory.

"I'm concerned government hasn't implemented any recommendations I put forward in my report in 2009," Noakes, who now lives in Lyndhurst, Ont., said Tuesday.

"Maybe something could have been done to save these people."

"It's not a far stretch to say there's gross negligence here."



Fire crews battle a Iqaluit fire on the frigid Arctic night of Feb. 27. SARAH ROGERS, NUNATSIQ NEWS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

At least two people died when a 22-unit block in Iqaluit's White Row apartments went up in flames on the frigid night of Feb. 27.

The building was being used as a residence for Nunavut Arctic College and all the tenants but one were students or their families.

Some 83 people were forced outside in -50 C temperatures and lost everything in the fire.

Reports have said the two

who died were adult children of an Arctic College student.

Remains of one person were found Friday and police reported Monday that a

Problems

- **Report.** Noakes pointed to a fire inspection dated Jan. 23, 2000, that outlined a series of structural problems with White Row's 200 block.
- **Location.** The White Row units that burned were part of the 300 block, not the 200 block. But Noakes says all parts of the complex would have had the same problems.

second set of remains had been found.

An RCMP forensic team was on the site.

Landlord Nunastar Properties said repairs were made and inspected in the 200 block after a Jan. 23, 2000, inspection report.

Spokesperson Kristin Scott said Nunastar buildings get regular fire inspections.

"All of our buildings have received fire-safety-related upgrades over the years and are subject to annual inspections of fire safety equipment," she said.

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Sex. Suburban mom or madam — she's jailed on a \$2 million bond

Is Anna Gristina a mom — or a madam?

Prosecutors say she's an arrogant, multimillion-dollar head of a prostitution ring.

They say she has boasted of ties to law enforcement and has stashed cash to flee if authorities close in on her.

But Gristina's advocates portrayed her Tuesday as a dedicated suburban mom, animal rescuer and former real estate broker who was working on building an on-line dating service.

The reality is Gristina is jailed on a seven-figure bail on a single charge of promoting prostitution.

"A caring mother of four has been slapped with a \$2

Millionaire?

- Prosecutors say Cristina was heard during a five-year investigation saying she'd made millions of dollars over about 15 years of arranging trysts.

million bond" one of her lawyers, Peter Gleason, said after a New York judge refused Tuesday to lower the bail.

Her husband, Kelvin Gorr, told the Daily News of New York he was "heartbroken" about the case.

Gristina, a bespectacled 44-year-old Scottish immigrant, has pleaded not guilty.

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California

Cannon blast kills woman

A 33-year-old woman died Tuesday after a home-made cannon blew a projectile into a mobile home in a remote California community.

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Moldova

Pedophiles face chemical penalty

Foreigners convicted of sexually abusing children in Moldova will be chemically castrated, according to new legislation approved Tuesday.

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The SXC Lynx spaceship carries two people — the pilot-astronaut and a passenger. ALEX STOKES/FOR METRO

Historic Metro contest will send reader into space

One of Metro's readers will soon reach the highest of heights.

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At 60,000 metres the curvature of the Earth can be seen clearly, surrounded by the black void of outer space.

To prepare for the weightlessness, the contest winner will be required to undergo two to four days of training in the Netherlands.

The SXC Lynx takes off from Curaçao in the Caribbean for a one-hour flight.

Participants are required to complete a quiz and also submit an inspiring proposal.

In addition to the global winner, a local winner will receive a secondary prize.

The local winner will be selected based on the highest number of Facebook "likes."

The global winner — the person who gets to go into space — will be selected by a global jury that includes Metro International members. They will conduct in-depth interviews.

And the lucky Metro winner must be aged 18 years old by liftoff in 2014. METRO

Ponzi scheme. RBC settlement to reimburse half of victims' losses

Scores of people defrauded in a high-profile Quebec pyramid scheme will be reimbursed for roughly half of what they lost, thanks to an out-of-court settlement announced Tuesday.

Victims of financial fraudster Earl Jones reached the \$17-million settlement in their class-action lawsuit with the Royal Bank of Canada, the bank said.

The sum represents just under half the amount of \$40 million that victims had been seeking in their lawsuit.

"(This) is the result of many months of discussion

between RBC and the class-plaintiffs and seeks to address some of the financial difficulties the class-plaintiffs faced as a result of entrusting Mr. Jones with their financial affairs," a statement said.

The bank added that the proposed settlement amount will not be final until the court-approval process is completed and is not material to RBC earnings.

Jones ran a Ponzi scheme in which many of his former clients were friends or family and people he met through word-of-mouth.

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Sweet treats go high-tech

A new 24-hour cupcake "ATM," an automatic machine that will be continuously restocked to dispense fresh cupcakes, is tested at Sprinkles Cupcakes in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Monday. The machine features a touchscreen and a robotic arm that pulls the right flavoured cupcake from a wall of single-serving boxes inside the store. The bakery is launching the first high-tech vending machine Tuesday, with three more in the works for New York City by the summer. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Debt deal

Greek banks agree to bond-swap deal

Greece's government on Tuesday said the country's six major banks have agreed to participate in a bond-swap deal, a move likely to relieve financial authorities as a deadline looms. The deal aims at cutting more than \$139 billion off the country's debt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Workers win

Singapore maids to get day off

Maids in Singapore will soon get something that many people around the world take for granted: a day off. Starting next year, maids must receive one day off a week or compensation to work that day, Manpower Minister Tan Chuan-jin told Parliament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pipeline proposal

New Keystone route in works

A new route for the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline through Nebraska should be ready within weeks with "relatively modest" changes, TransCanada executive Alex Pourbaix told an energy conference in Houston on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Financial fraud

Tycoon convicted in Ponzi scheme

Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford, whose financial empire once spanned the Americas, was convicted Tuesday on all but one of the 14 counts he faced for allegedly bilking investors out of more than \$7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme he operated for 20 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fading French village goes up for auction

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If you've ever dreamed of having your own private French village, here's your chance: Courbefy is on sale, starting at \$440,000.

And, yes, in case you were wondering, Courbefy comes with more than a dozen buildings, its own horse stable, tennis court, swimming pool and 12th-century chapel. It even has three "miraculous springs," which supposedly contain wat-

ers with healing powers.

After the property was put up for auction and no one bid the \$400,000 asking price, the village went back into the hands of bank Credit Agricole.

Why is this little piece of rural paradise about 450 kilometres from Paris on sale?

The mayor of neighbouring Saint Nicholas Courbefy told The Associate Press that the village, which goes back at least to Gallo-Roman times, was abandoned in 2008 or 2009. It was used as a luxury hotel and restaurant before the owners gave

up on it and stopped paying the mortgage. Local residents told the Telegraph that the area was occupied by "thieves, drunks and squatters."

But, in its heyday, Courbefy was the site of the chateau of the mother of King Henry IV's mother, Jeanne d'Albret.

Now, people as far away as Qatar are expressing interest in the property. The bank is asking for a deposit of 10 per cent higher than the asking price from potential buyers to be considered. A new auction date will be set in the future.

The people who live in the neighbouring area are excited about the prospect of a new owner for Courbefy. They hope that whoever buys the property will let the village experience its glory days once again, similar to the rebirth other privately owned villages and islands have experienced in the hands of new owners.

"Some people call it social engineering," John Rous, whose family owns a British village, told The Guardian. "I prefer to think of it as keeping the village alive."

Costly crude

Oil prices may affect Canadian economy

With the near-term chances of a full-blown European debt crisis diminishing, and the U.S. recovery firming, the high price of oil is becoming a key new risk factor for Canada's economy.

That's one of the under-the-radar messages delivered to Finance Minister Jim Flaherty this week by a group of 13 economists participating in the traditional sharing of views that precedes federal budgets.

After the meeting, TD Bank economist Derek

Burleton said he believes Flaherty would do well to keep his rainy-day fund — a set-aside of \$4.5 billion expected in the March 29 budget — and possibly even increase it for future years.

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The next time you feel the urge to buy a lottery ticket, blame Louise White.

She's the little 81-year-old lady from Rhode Island who won

\$336.4 million after she bought the winning ticket at a Stop & Shop.

And now she has all her money in what she calls the Rain-

bow Sherbet Trust in honour of the sherbet she bought along with the ticket.

At first, she couldn't believe her good fortune, at one point turning off her computer and turning it back on again. The numbers were still the same. She kept the winning ticket in her Bible until it was time to claim her



Louise White STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

prize.

Ain't that cute?

I hate Louise White.

Just when I've finally made a rational decision to stop throwing perfectly good money down the toilet, never to be spent again, someone like Louise White pops up. Even though there's a one-in-175,223,510 chance of winning the Powerball, Louise won it anyway. I mean there's as much chance of Louise winning the Powerball lottery as there is of that rainbow sherbet winning the Powerball lottery.

So, starting today, it's back to throwing good money down the toilet. If you don't play, it don't pay — or something.

My wife, who never fails to buy a lottery ticket for the 6-49 or Lotto Max, spends the rest of the week figuring out how she's going to spend the money. IMHO, she always gives too much of it away. Right off the bat, half goes to "Africa," while the rest goes to pay the debts of everyone in her extended family, leaving insufficient funds to keep me in the lifestyle to which I could easily become accustomed.

It never occurs to me, until halfway into the argument, that it's not going to happen anyway and I'm getting all red in the face for nothing, when there are lots of more important things I could get red in the face about.

Still, consider LeRoy and Deborah, Louise's son and daughter-in-law. LeRoy and Deborah didn't even have to fork over two bucks to buy the ticket, and now they're the beneficiaries of Louise's good fortune. I wonder if they ever had the argument. My wife is aware of my vulnerable position. "No money for you," she warns.

Fair warning: The odds of winning the Lotto Max are much better than winning the Powerball. Only one in 85,900,584. More than twice as likely. Of course, the odds of being struck by lightning are only 2.3 million to one. The odds of being hit by an ice-cream delivery truck full of rainbow sherbet are only one in 625.

Which reminds me to look both ways before I cross the street. On my way to the lottery kiosk.

Just imagine?

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Usain, is this it?



GETTY IMAGES

World's fastest

Strike a pose

KINGSTON, JAMAICA. It's practice makes perfect for Prince Harry as the third-in-line to the British throne tries to copy the signature victory pose of sprint star Usain Bolt at the University of the West Indies track.

Harry, 27, is touring the Caribbean as part of the Diamond Jubilee. **MWN**



A race to the finish

Prince Harry wins

RACE. The prince got off to a false start and was about 50 metres down the track as Bolt lifted his arms in mock disbelief.

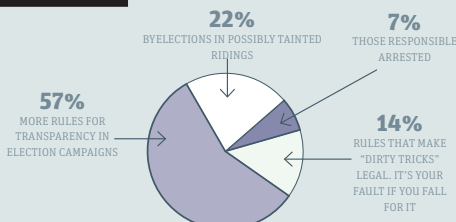
Harry kept on running to cross the finish line. "He cheated," Bolt said. "I said we would have a rematch in London 2012 and Harry said, 'I'm busy.'" **MWN**



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What do you most want to see come out of the "robocalls" investigation?

Survey says...



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@Galla13:

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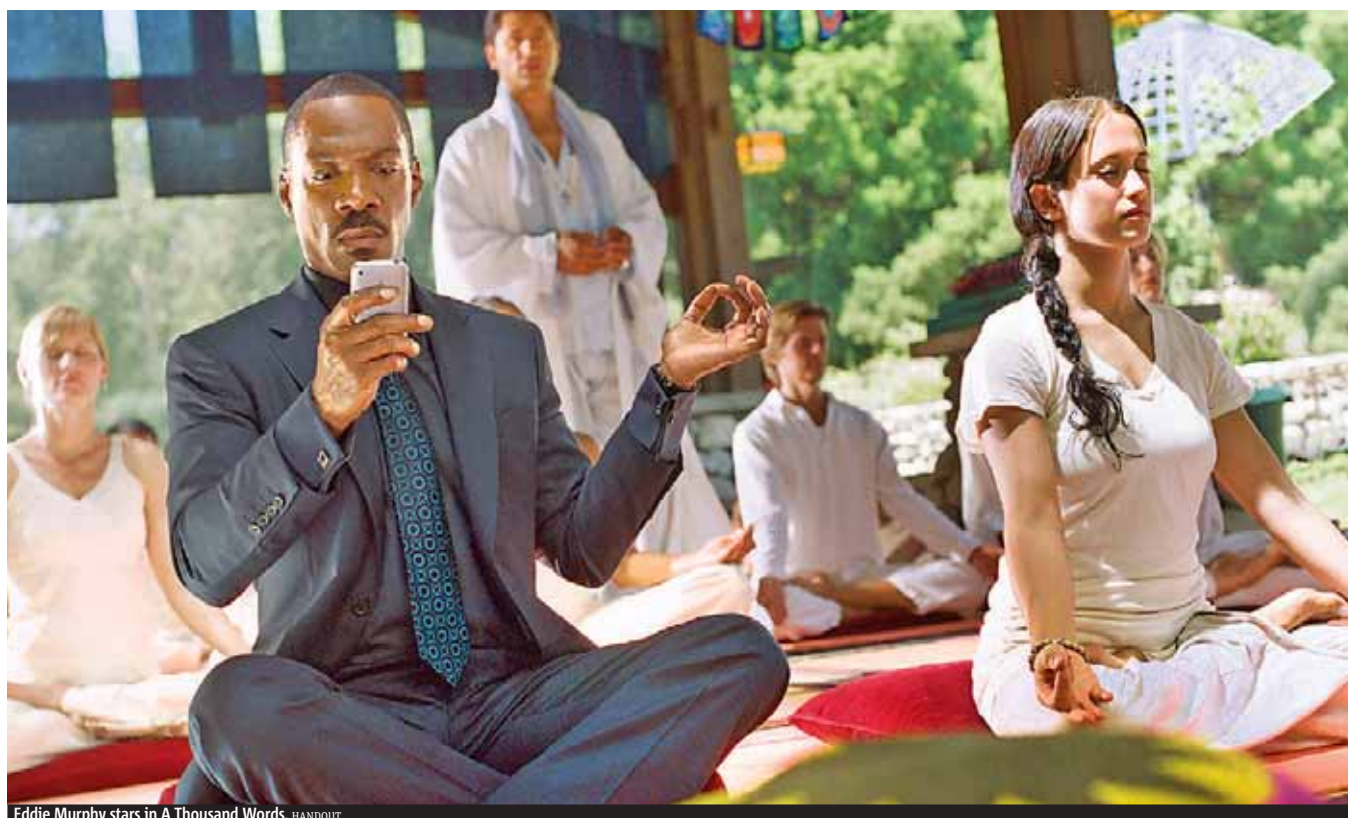
out of the media and into the negotiations. Enough bickering

@JPal88:

I think #halifax should protest the #metrotransit ATU. No sympathy for them anymore.

@ChantalLevesque:

HUGE crater size pot hole on the 102 inbound just past exit 0 on bridge to Bayers Rd. Hubcaps everywhere #Halifax #Traffic



Eddie Murphy stars in *A Thousand Words*. HANDOUT

Going gaga for gurus

Spiritual humour. Comedy mixed with spirituality can work if done well — or prove toxic for both audiences and critics



IN FOCUS
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What do spiritual gurus and comedy have in common? More than you might think.

Deepak Chopra, possibly

the world's most famous guru, says, "When your soul responds to the paradox of our existence, to the contradictions of our existence, to the fact that wherever there is joy there is suffering, when your soul recognizes this, it can do nothing except laugh."

In other words, chuckle — it's good for your soul.

These are words to live by, particularly if you are Eddie Murphy in *A Thousand Words*, opening this weekend. In this comedy, Murphy plays a shady literary agent who cheats a spiritual guru in a business deal. His punishment teaches him the value of every word that comes out

of his mouth.

A Thousand Words isn't the first comedy to go gaga for gurus.

In the 1968 counter-culture hit *I Love You, Alice B. Toklas!*, Peter Sellers plays a 30-something who visits a maharishi for enlightenment. "You will know yourself when you stop trying," he is told. "I'm trying to stop trying," Sellers replies.

A year later came *The Guru*, a movie that echoed the real-life musical journey of Beatle George Harrison's internship with Ravi Shankar. Michael York starred as a famous British rock 'n' roller who travels from London to

Bombay to study sitar at the feet of guru Ustad Zafar Khan.

Director James Ivory (who along with producer Ismail Merchant would go on to make *Howard's End* and *The Remains of the Day*) called *The Guru* "the most unseen and mysterious of our movies ... Merchant Ivory's version of a '60s trip."

Sharing a title is the 2002 *Jimi Mistry* film about a young Indian man who moves to New York with dreams of becoming an actor but instead becomes a sex guru who does out catchphrases such as, "the most powerful sexual organ is your brain."

In *The Love Guru*, Mike

Myers mixed gross-out humour with spiritualism, a combo that proved toxic for both audiences and critics.

Even Mike's own guru agreed it flopped. "Humour mixed with spirituality can work, if it's done well," Deepak Chopra, who has a cameo in the film, said. "But frankly speaking, this was not a good attempt."

So what exactly do gurus and comedy have in common?

Myers says he learned from Chopra that "ha ha" is related to "ah ha," the sound one makes upon the realization of truth. "Maybe it's that simple.

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SCENE

Trending

Get ready for iPad3

Apple is set to unveil its iPad 3 at an invite-only event today. Metro has teamed up with Mike Yawney, the technology specialist with Citytv, to bring you the latest from the event. Visit metronews.ca/apple to follow Yawney as he tweets live from the announcement.

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Enrique's not a big believer in marriage

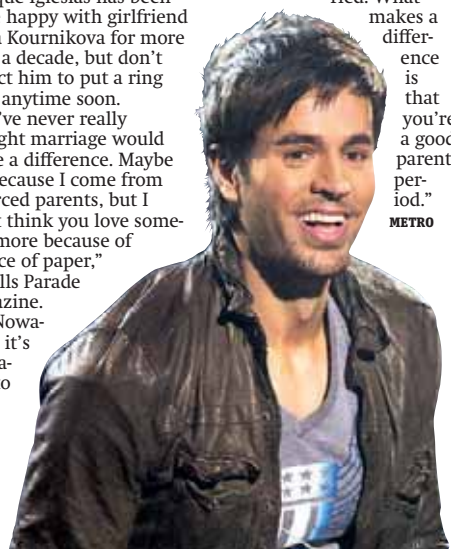
Enrique Iglesias has been quite happy with girlfriend Anna Kournikova for more than a decade, but don't expect him to put a ring on it anytime soon.

"I've never really thought marriage would make a difference. Maybe it's because I come from divorced parents, but I don't think you love someone more because of a piece of paper," he tells Parade magazine.

"Nowadays, it's not taboo to have kids and not be mar-

ried. What makes a difference is that you're a good parent, period."

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Demi looking stronger and sun-kissed after vacay

After a stint in rehab in Utah followed by a private Caribbean vacation, Demi Moore is back in Los Angeles, according to TMZ. The actress was photographed stepping

off a private jet looking tan and healthy. Moore had departed from Nassau in the Bahamas and passed through Customs in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before heading on to California.

This is the first time Moore has been home since shortly after being rushed to the hospital following a drug-related collapse in January. **METRO**



Demi Moore

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Reality star off the rails

Tila Tequila: Was it an aneurysm, overdose or suicide attempt?



THE WORD
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Was Tila Tequila's recent hospitalization due to a brain aneurysm, a drug overdose or a suicide attempt? Whatever the reason, the former reality star is all kinds of WTF.

Radar Online is saying that a brain aneurysm made her "think irrationally" and ingest "two bottles of unspecified heavy prescription drugs."

"Tila threw up all over her bed after overdosing and felt like she was dying. She was screaming for help, and in desperation, broke her bedroom window and attempted to jump out," a source says.

"Finally, a friend came

over after getting a strange text from her and found her convulsing on the bed. He called an ambulance and she was taken to the hospital."

Reports say Tequila was treated at two different hospitals over a week's span, but she's not out of the woods yet.

"She still can't fully speak properly," the source says. "It's sad to think she may have some permanent brain damage." But TMZ.com says all the drama was caused by a suicide attempt and that she'd been trying "kill herself all week."

We've said it once, we'll say it a million times: Mamas, don't let your daughters grow up to be reality TV stars.



Tila Tequila ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kirk Cameron's former Growing Pains co-stars won't show him that smile after his anti-gay comments

Born-again Christian and former Growing Pains star Kirk Cameron recently told CNN's Piers Morgan that being gay is "unnatural," "detrimental" and "ultimately destructive to so many of the foundations of civilization," and his

remarks have earned him a considerable amount of backlash.

Among those criticizing Cameron? His former sitcom co-stars. Tracy Gold posted to Twitter, "I am a strong supporter of the LGBT Community, and I

believe in equal rights for all," while Alan Thicke, who played Cameron and Gold's father on Growing Pains, posted, "I'm getting him some new books. The Old Testament simply can't be expected to explain everything." **METRO**

Posh Spice isn't always posh, or so she says

Perennial fashionista Victoria Beckham admits that she's not above slipping into a tracksuit and a pair of UGGs on occasion — but never in public.

"You'll never see me on the street in a tracksuit. I just love fashion too much to wear a tracksuit. The same goes for UGG boots. I only wear them at home," she tells Madame Figaro magazine. **METRO**



Victoria Beckham

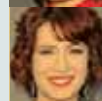
Twitter



@ActuallyNPH
That Kirk Cameron is hilarious!



@oliviawilde
Pretty cool to be shooting on the same stage as The Big Sleep. And Space Jam



@diablocody
Just listened to "Come Undone" by Duran Duran in the car. Sexiest thing I had ever heard in junior high.



@SethMacFarlane
I hear babies cry. I watch them grow. They'll learn much more than I'll ever know. And I think to myself: who brought babies to this bar?

Megan Fox says she definitely wants kids

For Megan Fox, having kids with husband Brian Austin Green is less a question of if than when.

"Of course. It will happen when it's meant to happen," she tells People magazine. "I've always really loved kids. I was a good babysitter. I've always loved babies. I relate to kids pretty well."

It doesn't hurt that she's also been a stepmom to Green's son, Kassius, who turns 10 next week.

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Palm Springs has a casual vibe not found in Hollywood. GOINGSLO/ FLICKR

The stars are brighter near the Mojave Desert

Palm Springs. The Travellin' Canadian checks out a Hollywood mecca



THE TRAVELLIN' CANADIAN
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There's more to Palm Springs than dusty desert and palm trees. In fact, this sunny vacation paradise has become a mecca for the rich and famous.

Not only did the city's late great celeb mayor Sunny Bono

recreate Hollywood, with the California city's own walk of fame, he ushered in one of the most impressive film festivals in North America, right there in the middle of the Mojave.

It was a thrill for me to actually get a chance to hit the red carpet and hobnob with some of the biggest stars on the planet at a recent desert festival. The likes of none other

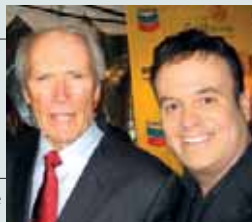
than Leonardo DiCaprio and Clint Eastwood told me that even they were impressed with this desert oasis and what it's become. Palm Springs just has that laid back casual vibe, so it's not uncommon to see A-list celebs strolling on nearby Palm Canyon Drive, or having a drink at the very cool mid-century modern Parker Hotel, where the famous stay and play. Of course, stars have been linked to Palm Springs for many decades, and traces of that early Hollywood history still remain. Just off Palm Canyon drive, you can stroll by an unassuming house with a giant 'L' statue in the driveway. This happened to be the home of — you guessed it — flamboyant

performer Liberace, who spent many happy years in the desert.

Nearby sits many other celeb getaways from a bygone era, including the homes of Kirk Douglas, Dean Martin and Marilyn Monroe. You can even rent the unassuming little rancher used by Elvis for his honeymoon with Priscilla back in the '60s. Many of the "Springs" famous old school watering holes and restaurants like Le Valeris and Melvin's have their walls covered with pics of famous regulars like Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. Even the city's Desert Memorial Graveyard has become a tourist attraction, where many come to pay their respects to the final resting place of Frank Sinatra.

If you go...

- **Hit the hot tub at Palm Mountain Resort and Spa.** The perfect spot to unwind in the radiance of the desert sun, just steps from Palm Canyon Drive downtown.
- **Visit the Village Pub.** Great live music and cheap drinks at this little pub. One of my favourite places in town!



Darren Parkman with Clint Eastwood in Palm Springs **DARREN PARKMAN**



Travel in brief

Flower power

If you are looking for palm trees and white sand to escape the remnants of winter, look no farther than Philadelphia. Visitors to the city's International Flower Show can wander through a tropical paradise of sorts thanks to this year's theme, Hawaii: Islands of Aloha, a tribute to Pele, the Hawaiian goddess of fire.

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Rockwell exhibit brings Americana to Winnipeg

Art. Iconic illustrations that romanticized American life make their debut in Canada at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

The man whose very name evokes an idealized and nostalgic picture of all things American is making his first — and only — major foray north of the border.

But anyone living outside of Winnipeg will have to travel to see Norman Rockwell's unique view of American life in person. All of his iconic illustrations — which appeared primarily on the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post* magazine for almost 50 years — and many of his most seminal paintings are on tour and making their one and only Canadian stop at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

The exhibit, which runs until May 20, is expected to draw not only visitors from across Canada but also many from the northern United States.

"Rockwell — beyond capturing American life ideas, issues and politics — was able to encapsulate much of the 20th century, which is often called, in the world of art, America's century," said Stephen Borys, executive director of the gallery.

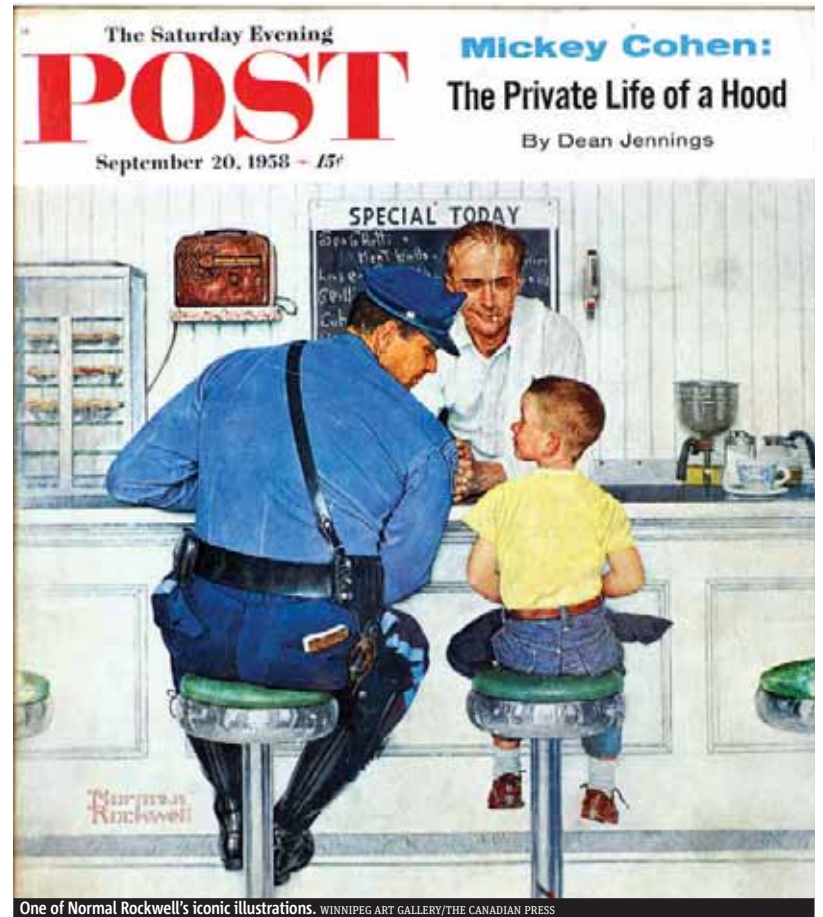
"To have one artist following the development of a nation, of a people, from the first decade of the 20th century to the eighth decade is extraordinary."

Many of Rockwell's pieces have become legendary for their *Leave It To Beaver* reflection of small-town America. Rockwell's work often shunned social conflict, presenting romanticized and humorous depictions of family life.

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If you go...

- **The exhibit.** American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell runs to May 20th at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Tours held on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursday 11 a.m.-9 p.m., closed Mondays.
- **Special events.** There are a number of special events, workshops and talks associated with the exhibit including a visit by Norman Rockwell's son Peter, who will talk about his father's work on April 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Another talk March 11 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. will examine Rockwell's vision of America while Rockwell's role in advertising and consumer culture will be discussed April 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.



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Cosy up with Tomato & Sweet Potato soup and a winterized Caesar Salad

Marcona almonds are entirely different than the more common California almond.

A higher fat content explains the textural difference — tender-crunchy and moist.

As for flavour, think savoury and steak-like.

It doesn't hurt they're typically processed by being fried in olive oil, then sprinkled with salt.

1 In a large saucepan over medium-high, heat oil. Add onion, garlic and sweet potato. Sauté for about 10 minutes or until sweet potato starts to brown.

2 Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and chicken broth. Bring to a simmer and cook for about 20 minutes or until potato is very tender.

3 Working in batches if needed, transfer soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Return soup to pan, stir in vinegar and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 500 ml (2 cups) peeled, diced sweet potato (1 large)
- 1 can (796 ml/28 oz) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (426 ml/15 oz) tomato sauce
- 500 ml (2 cups) chicken broth
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped marcona almonds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped fresh rosemary

4 In a small bowl, mix together almonds and rosemary. Ladle soup into serving bowls, then sprinkle almond mixture over each serving.

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Tomato and Sweet Potato Soup with Rosemary Marcona Almonds



This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Key Lime Smoothie

Treat yourself to a taste of the tropics with this filling breakfast smoothie. Featuring heart-healthy walnuts and chock-full of omega-3s and fibre-rich avocado, this breakfast replacement will give you the fuel you need to kick-start your day.

1 In a blender or using a hand blender, combine all ingredients and process until smooth, about 1 minute.

- 1/2 avocado
- 1/2 small banana
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) cold water
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnuts, chopped into halves or crumbs
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) low-fat coconut milk
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Juice of 1 fresh lime

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Butternut squash: hearty salad addition

Bulk up romaine with roasted cubes of butternut squash. Warm and substantial, butternut is the perfect base for a robust caesar dressing. Add to that some croutons and it's a perfect light dinner.

1 In a bowl, combine squash with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the oil, tossing to coat. Season with pinch each of the salt and pepper, then transfer to one half of parchment paper lined baking sheet. Roast in preheated 200 C (400 F) oven for 10 minutes.

2 Meanwhile, place bread cubes in the same bowl, drizzle with remaining olive oil and toss to coat evenly. Season with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Add bread to other half of baking sheet and roast for about 20 minutes or until squash is tender and croutons are crisp.

3 Dressing: In a blender, whirl olive oil, garlic, anchovies, lemon juice, Dijon, pepper and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the Parmesan until smooth.

4 Place romaine in bowl, then drizzle with dressing and toss. Divide among 4 serving plates. Top each serving with squash and croutons, then drizzle with remaining dressing. Sprinkle each serving with some of the remaining Parmesan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS. VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

Ingredients

- 500 g (1 lb) peeled and cubed butternut squash
 - 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
 - Salt and ground black pepper
 - 1 L (4 cups) cubed rustic bread
 - 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- Dressing:**
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
 - 3 cloves garlic
 - 4 anchovy fillets
 - Juice of 1 lemon
 - 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
 - 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
 - 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated Parmesan, divided
 - 2 heads romaine lettuce, chopped



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The summer job search starts now

The heat is on. Many companies have already started their summer hiring; take down these tips and get yourself out there

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Job search outside the lines

Most students have a very narrow view of what job opportunities are available to them based on their degree, but you can potentially put your education to use in almost any industry.

For example, as a finance student, don't only apply to

banks. Check out or create finance-related jobs in other industries or types of businesses that may also need people in finance, which is every industry and business!

Wonderful web

Take advantage of the free resources available to you

- **The online edge.** You will never have more free resources at your disposal than you do right now as a student, including your parents, professors and instructors, campus career centre, and online resources like TalentEgg.ca!

Start building your online presence

Develop a simple online portfolio or blog to showcase your work and include the URL on your resumé.

Don't have much work experience? Post relevant school projects, write blog posts about your industry to show how passionate you are, and display recommendations from former bosses, professors, co-workers and classmates.

Actively approach employers online

More and more employers are using online tools to market jobs and interact with potential candidates, so use them to your advantage!

Find and target the companies and people you want to

work for on Twitter, LinkedIn, etc., and make an effort to interact with them.

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Twitter

@TalentEgg: What was your first summer job? What did you learn?

@HumairaRiaz

It was as a trainer aide. I picked up skills like marketing and human resource management and it was a lot of fun.

@EvanBirtch

I worked in catering 4 my Summer job, taught me about listening 2 what the customer really wanted; turned into a highschool career

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first summer job: AMC Theatres Film Crew Member. Learned that a smile and + outlook always impresses the boss!

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@TalentEgg: Do you have any summer job search tips for other TalentEgg-ers?

@justinabraham

Start early and don't get easily discouraged! If you send out 10 resumes and get 2 responses, you are doing great!

@CoutureCreative

Best tip: persistence. That, and using networking and industry contacts to your advantage. Not all jobs are posted to the public.

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Duke shining under hometown spotlight

QMJHL. Cole Harbour native logging effective minutes for Herd in relief of injured veterans

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Staying at home suits Brendan Duke just fine.

Whether it's providing a steadying defensive presence on the Halifax Mooseheads' blue-line, or living with his parents in Cole Harbour, the 18-year-old couldn't be happier with how things have played out since being traded by the Quebec Remparts in January.

"I'm playing a lot more here than I was in Quebec," said Duke, who missed three months with the Remparts because of a shoulder injury.

"Between that and living at home, it's great playing here and I love it. It's good to be here."

Duke, acquired for 19-year-old winger Gabriel Desjardins and a swap of draft picks, was considered an important addition at the time of the trade, but his presence has been appreciated even more since veteran Sawyer Hannay went down with a concussion three weeks ago.

The six-foot, 205-pounder has stepped into Hannay's spot on the top pairing with Konrad Abeltshauser and logged heavy minutes against top-line opponents at even strength and on the penalty kill. He has even seen time on the second power-play unit.

Along with Abeltshauser and Trey Lewis, it's likely no one else on the team has seen more ice time since Hannay's injury.

"You never want to see any guys injured, but with a couple of players out, guys are getting more ice time," Duke said.

In 22 games with the Mooseheads heading into Wednesday's 7 p.m. home contest against the Bathurst Titan, Duke has three assists and a team-best plus-10 rating. It's telling that no one else is better than plus-5 in that timeframe and no other defenceman is better than plus-2.

"We knew we needed some help with Gilly (Steve Gillard) out (with a concussion since November), and with Sawyer out now, he's even more important," Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme said. "He's been playing great."

Ducharme said that because of his early-season injury, Duke might just be finding his stride, and that he's getting better and better with more minutes.

"He helps us in a lot of situations because he's very versatile," Ducharme said. "He doesn't make a lot of mistakes and it's nice to have him."

The other side

The Brendan Duke-Gabriel Desjardins swap isn't just working out well for the Halifax Mooseheads — the Quebec Remparts have benefited, too.

- **The 19-year-old Desjardins** has 11 goals and 12 assists for 23 points in 21 games with the Remparts as well as a plus-11 rating. He has 22 goals overall this season.
- **The Mooseheads also** received the Remparts' first-round draft choice in 2012 as part of the deal.



Defenceman Brendan Duke has a plus-10 rating since joining the Mooseheads in January, best on the team during that timeframe. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO FILE

CHL. Prospects game to make East Coast debut as Halifax named host for 2013

As first reported by Metro Halifax last month, the Halifax Mooseheads will host the 2013 Canadian Hockey League Top Prospects Game at the Metro Centre next Jan. 16.

The CHL made the official announcement on Tuesday. It's the first time in the event's 18-year history it will be held in Atlantic Canada.

"We look forward to welcoming 40 of the best NHL draft eligible players in the CHL," Mooseheads owner Bobby Smith said in a release. "Our season ticket holders and fans will be really interested to watch the top young players from the QMJHL match up



Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon. METRO FILE

with the best prospects from the OHL and the WHL."

The event features the CHL's top-40 NHL draft-eligible players, giving the potential for the 2012 event to feature at least three players from the host team. Forwards Nathan

Moose appearances

11

Number of Mooseheads who have played in the CHL Top Prospects Game, headlined by Martin Frk and Andrew Ryan this past January as well as NHLers Alex Tanguay and Jakub Voracek.

MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin and goalie Zach Fucale are all draft-eligible in 2013.

The showcase usually includes a skills competition the day before the game, but the CHL has not completed the full event itinerary.

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Acadia recognized for championships

It was an Acadia basketball sweep for Atlantic University Sport athlete of the week awards.

Axemen third-year guard Anthony Sears took the male honour after recording 45 points in two games last weekend to lead his team to its 17th AUS title in Halifax.

Axewomen fifth-year forward Emma Duinker took the female award, recorded 33 points in two games to help her team end Acadia's 60-year title drought.

Both players were named MVP. METRO

Soccer

Canada perfect through under-20 group stage

Vanessa Legault-Cordisco scored the game's only goal Monday as Canada survived a late push from Mexico to escape with a 1-0 win and finish the group stage of the CONCACAF under-20 women's soccer championship with a perfect record.

Canada, which features Lower Sackville striker Nkem Ezurike, finished Group A at 3-0-0 and will take on either the U.S. or Panama in one of Friday's semifinals.

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NFL

"I never thought it was a foregone conclusion. I was always hopeful they'd get something worked out, and that he would be back in a horseshoe, but it doesn't look like that's going to happen."

Longtime Indianapolis Colts centre Jeff Saturday after hearing a report that his friend Peyton Manning would no longer be his teammate. Citing anonymous sources, ESPN reported Tuesday that the Colts plan to hold a news conference to announce the long-expected decision to cut ties with Manning.

Sibling rivalry adds intrigue to Brier

Curling. Kevin Koe was expected to be near top of the standings, but his brother Jamie has been a surprise contender so far

Fred Koe will watch his sons square off at the Brier from way, way up in Credit Union Centre.

The patriarch of the curling Koes admits he booked his tickets to the Tim Hortons Brier so late this year, the premium seats were all gone.

He'll have a bird's-eye view of what is surprisingly an anticipated matchup at this year's Canadian men's curling championship.

It's surprising because Jamie Koe's Yellowknife team representing both Yukon and Northwest Territories wasn't expected to be anywhere in the running.

Alberta's Kevin Koe was a pre-tournament favourite and followed the script Tuesday with a 6-1 record.

With the Territories at 5-1 and a game remaining at night against Prince Edward Island, Koe versus Koe in Wednesday morning's draw is important to both brothers and their teams in the standings.

Fred Koe says he'll try to enjoy the moment from his perch.

"For any parent, it's a real dream to have two sons at this level of curling," he said. "Of course, you're on pins and needles the whole week. I'll cheer for the boys and hope they perform well when they

On Tuesday

Glenn Howard worked overtime to establish yet another record at the Brier.

- Ontario's 7-5 win in an extra end over Saskatchewan on Tuesday marked 175 career games at the Brier for Howard, surpassing the previous record set by his older brother Russ.
- Pre-tournament favourites Ontario and Alberta's Kevin Koe were tied atop the standings at 6-1 heading into Wednesday. Alberta lost their first game of the tournament, falling 7-6 to Northern Ontario.

play each other. They're both competitive and both want to win. They're both representing their respective provinces and territories.

"The ideal thing is to have them both in the final. It's a long week and let's hope they continue their good play and get into the playoffs."

Because there are so many competitive teams in Alberta, that province is hard to win to get to the Brier, but then is more often than not a favourite to win the Canadian title.

It's the opposite in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. A lack of competition makes it easier for one team to dominate year after year, but the Territories are a longshot at every Brier.

Jamie and Kevin made it to the same Brier two years ago in Halifax. They faced each other on the final day of the prelim-

inary round, when Jamie's team had no chance at a playoff spot and Kevin was still in the hunt. Alberta won the game easily 8-3.

The stakes will be higher this time when the Koe siblings meet. The top four teams Thursday advance to playoffs.

"It's not fun in that one of us has to lose," Kevin Koe said. "We really need that win so we're going to have to come out and play well."

"They're playing really good and they're going to need the win. Two years ago, we were the team that really needed to have that win so it will be a different case (Wednesday)."

The Territories went 1-10 in Halifax, while Kevin's team won the Canadian championship and then went on to claim the world title. Jamie says the game against his brother was memorable because Kevin won the championship.

"It's pretty special to play him," Jamie recalled. "He hadn't been there before and we'd been to a few so it was nice to see him finally get there. It was a great experience cheering him on over the week and watching him win. It was by far an epic weekend for sure."

"We were a different team back then. We really, really struggled that week so I think we're a lot better this year and hopefully a little more competitive."

Previous brothers who clashed at the Brier as skips include Ontario's Glenn Howard versus New Brunswick's Russ Howard in 2009 in Calgary. Also, Ontario's Gord Campbell met B.C.'s Donald Campbell in 1942 in Quebec City.

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Alberta skip Kevin Koe keeps his eye on his shot on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Yukon skip Jamie Koe celebrates his team's win over Quebec on Tuesday. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Softer grille is the new style



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Review. Honda charts a slight course correction for its popular all-roader

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It has been said that the eyes are the window to the soul. In automotive terms, perhaps

the same can be said for the grille.

More specifically, Honda's eight-passenger Pilot that was redesigned for the 2009 model year projected a go-anywhere strength and ruggedness.

Too tough, maybe. A restyle for 2012 softens the look for friendlier, more aesthetically pleasing demeanor.

Added to the grille adjustment, the Pilot receives new headlamps along with new and repositioned turn signals and a revised front air dam

that reduces fuel-robbing aerodynamic drag.

What remains pretty much hidden from view is the Pilot's familial connection to Honda's premium-division Acura MDX.

Both of these unique wagons share the same basic platform, but from that point the comparison pretty much ends.

The Pilot's squared-off shape reinforces its sport utility-vehicle leanings, although ground-clearance limitations

restrict the fun to boulder-free terrain and shin-deep – as opposed to knee-deep – mud. Even so, fording a 48-centimetre-deep body of standing water is apparently no problem for this rig.

Taken in its entirety, the modestly tweaked 2012 Pilot isn't a whole lot different.

But in a category where impressions count, this Honda puts its best face forward and backs it up with sufficient comfort and capability to win the day.

2012 Honda Pilot

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/four-wheel-drive eight-passenger sport utility vehicle.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.5-litre SOHC V6.
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The Lexus ES was intended as a purely luxurious car from Toyota's upscale brand.

The Lexus IS line handled entry-level luxury-sportiness, leaving the ES a step above as an affordable luxury-focused model.

If it's an easygoing and laid-back luxury car you're after, the ES should do the trick.

Feature content included push-button engine start, Mark Levinson audio, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and wood trim.



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Common Issues

The big issue with this car is the gearbox. The problem isn't necessarily a mechanical defect but a software issue within the transmission computer.

An update was made available at dealerships, but results seem mixed at best. Be sure to 'feel' the ES you're driving for signs of sloppy gearshifts, hesitation or hard shifting.

Have these issues remedied if they're present, before agreeing to purchase.

Also, have the ES you're considering checked for proper alignment, and be sure all interior electronics work as expected. The condition of the tires and brakes should be checked as well.

Engine

Early models got Toyota's 3.0 litre V6 with 210 horsepower and 220 lb.-ft. of torque. For 2004, a larger 3.3-litre V6 was used, delivering 225 horsepower and 240 lb.-ft. of torque.

What Owners Like

Styling, a premium feel, comfort levels, noise levels and safety equipment levels were all highly rated by Lexus ES owners. Fuel mileage is also typically commented positively upon.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints centre around plain styling, a soft suspension and a numb, disconnected steering feel. The ES is not a car for driving enthusiasts.

Verdict

An ES free of transmission-related issues that's been properly cared for should provide years of luxurious and trouble-free driving alongside top-notch resale value.

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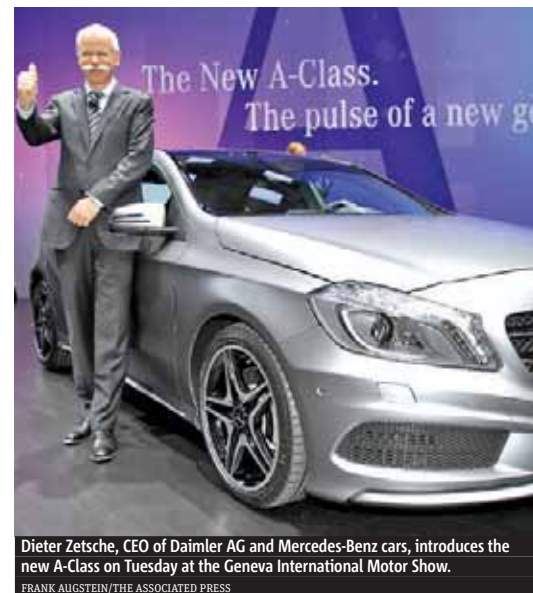
Small cars were looking more sleek and sporty at the Geneva Auto Show on Tuesday as global automakers struggling to make a profit in Europe tried to entice consumers to look past the continent's economic gloom.

Ford premiered the B-Max, a subcompact aimed at families, while Mercedes is looking for younger buyers – read under 50 – for the new A-Class. Audi rolled out the third-generation in its A3 series, which 15 years ago was the first compact in the premium market.

Fiat launched its 500L, an elongated version of the tiny 500 city car that is being made in Serbia, and Toyota has put a little snarl on the hybrid version of its bestselling Yaris to give it a more aggressive look. Peugeot is setting an automotive standard by making its new 208 smaller than its predecessor.

The launches are a far cry from the days when small cars were spartan money-savers. While remaining easy on fuel consumption and light on emissions, these models are tooled with the latest safety features and touches of luxury to spruce up the compact and subcompact segments that comprise some 80 per cent of the European market.

"Remember when smaller cars used to be cheap and cheerful? Now the consumers want the finest quality, the



Dieter Zetsche, CEO of Daimler AG and Mercedes-Benz cars, introduces the new A-Class on Tuesday at the Geneva International Motor Show.

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finest fuel efficiency, safety and design," said Ford CEO Alan Mulally.

The problem for European mass market automakers is that consumer demand has shrivelled under the pressure of the sovereign debt crisis: this year sales are expected to shrink nearly five per cent to 12.9 million units, according to the Center for Automotive Research.

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By the numbers

58%

Fiat is among a long list of European automakers that is losing money in Europe that includes Peugeot-Citroen PSA, General Motors' Adam Opel, and Renault. Fiat is aiming to build cars in Italy for export to the United States, where it has a 58.8 per cent share in Chrysler through a nearly three-year-old alliance.

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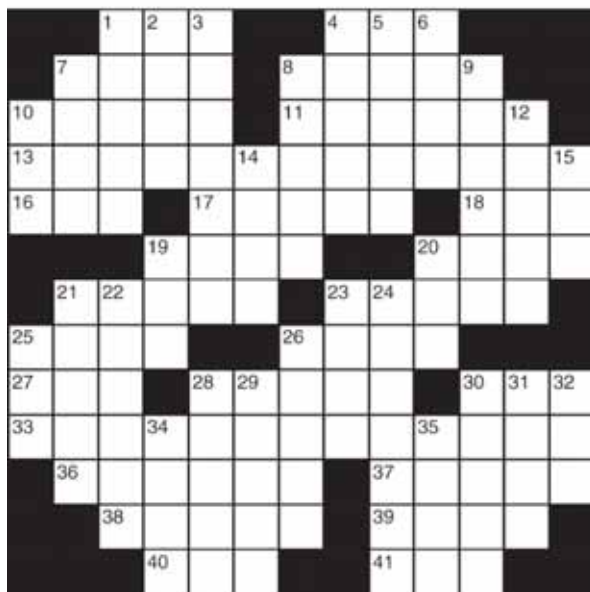
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Across

1 Animation frame
4 "Undeniably"
7 Pop
8 Knighted women
10 Dark
11 Gather
13 Paid
16 Possess
17 66, for example
18 Dead heat
19 "Green Acres" setting
20 Old foggy
21 2009 news-making pilot, familiarly
23 San Diego athlete
25 Sicilian spouter
26 Small pie
27 In favor of
28 Paces
30 Glutton
33 Behaving
36 Throw off the tracks
37 Particular occasion
38 Type of cotton thread
39 Tittle
40 That woman
41 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)

Down

1 Punctuation marks
2 Rewrite, maybe
3 Sideways
4 Pleasure boat
5 Host
6 Belgrade native
7 Winter forecast
8 Fact
9 Swain
10 Venusian vessel?
12 Drop a sound



14 "Finding Nemo" character
15 Virgo neighbor
19 Orlando st.
20 Banned pesticide
21 Got up
22 Play out, as fishing line
23 Maze option
24 "— and Old Lace"
25 Sala-mander
26 Piece of info on a marquee
28 Grit your teeth
29 Spry
30 1492 craft
31 Erstwhile Peru-

vian
32 "Gosh!"
34 Rainbow
35 Circle

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

Monday's answer



Sudoku



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

6	2	5	1	7	9	8	4
8	7	9	4	3	6	1	2
3	4	1	2	8	5	6	9
2	9	3	7	4	1	5	8
7	1	6	8	5	2	9	3
5	8	4	6	9	3	2	7
9	5	7	3	1	8	4	6
1	3	2	9	6	4	7	5
4	6	8	5	2	7	3	1

Send a kiss

- **MY MAN.** okay maybe not today, but tomorrow or that next day for sure. i dont even know why were arguing anyways LOL but i waanna talk to you so imma do it, it would be easier if you would meet me in the library by those round tables at the back at 1124. Ill be waiting:P love you From extraextralious
- **Vikky Prince.** hi tori you dont know how happy i am its true you promised to come here to your home but didnt still i am glad that you are in calgary and with your family HAPPY FREED-OME. From Jose
- **Bimmervalt Secret Crush.** It has been 8 months and my feelings for you get deeper and deeper by the second. I love you although you don't. I know I'm such a loser!!! From Loser
- **Blitz.** I had such a good time being big spoon last night, you are the perfect little spoon. Call me so we can do it again soon! From TheGayGhost
- **Sexy Redhead in Eng Phys.** I think I have the eigenfunction, to satisfy your eigenvalue problem. Nerd love <3. From Eng Phys Lady to be

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April

20. Someone on the work front is giving you a hard time at the moment but you are advised to stay calm and not let your anger get the better of you

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You will defend someone you don't much like today.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

If you fear the worst today then the worst will most likely happen.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

The approaching full moon warns there is a real chance you will bite off more than you can chew and end up looking silly.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You

will either get an extraordinary amount of work done today or no work at all

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

You feel you deserve more than you are currently getting, and no doubt you are right, but it won't just happen as if by magic.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

This could be and should be a beneficial time for you, but good things won't just fall into your lap.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You will get lucky in some way today, but you may feel guilty about it as those around you have to deal with a series of misfortunes.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 -

Dec. 21. Someone in a position of authority will put you to the test over the next few days and you will need all your mental and emotional strength to win through.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan

20. Don't waste your time on people who are either too lazy or too stupid to work things out for themselves.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb

18. Give your mind and body a rest over the next 24 hours

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Believe in yourself and have faith in your abilities.

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